

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Cummingham et al.

EXAMINER: Diane D. Yabut

SERIAL NO.: 10/618,994

GROUP: Art Unit 3734

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FOR: SURGICAL SE SUTURE NEEDLE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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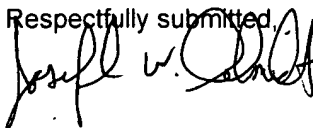
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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2007, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

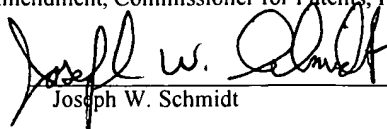
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